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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☐ This communication is responsive to _____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-6.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01/13/2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with CHANG KAO on August 23, 2005.

Abstract

3. The abstract has been amended as follows:
 - a. Line 9, "accommodated" has been changed to -- accommodate --;
 - b. Line 13, "an" has been changed to -- a --.

Specification

4. The specification has been amended as follows:
 - a. Page 4, paragraph 0021, line 1, "FIG 4" has been changed to -- FIG 3 --;
 - b. Page 5, paragraph 0023, line 7, following the 1st appearance "a", insert -- third --;
 - c. Page 5, paragraph 0024, line 4, "with reflector 21 and 23" has been changed to -- 21 and 23 with reflectors --;
 - d. Page 6, paragraph 0025, line 3, following "a", insert -- second --;
 - e. Page 6, paragraph 0025, line 4, following "The", insert -- second --;

- f. Page 6, paragraph 0026, line 4, following "is", insert -- first --;
- g. Page 6, paragraph 0026, line 7, "the conductive bump 33" has been changed to -- the second conductive detent 33 --;
- h. Page 6, paragraph 0026, line 9, following "40", insert -- mounted on a battery holder 41--;
- i. Page 6, paragraph 0026, line 11, following the 2nd appearance "the", insert -- third --;
- j. Page 6, paragraph 0026, line 13, following the 2nd appearance "the", insert -- third --.

Claims

- 5. Claims 1-4 are cancelled.
- 6. New claims 5 and 6 are submitted as below:
 - 5. (New) An integrated greeting message and lighted jewelry box comprising,
 - a bottom section having greeting message posting area,
 - a top section having extended portion for lighting,
 - hinge means connecting said bottom section with said top section,
 - a light housing located within said top section for selectively illuminating at least said bottom section,
 - said light housing including a housing panel which has two lighting holes with reflectors and a switch hole,
 - two LED lights mounted in said lighting holes,
 - power source located on the top of said housing panel,
 - a switch mechanism mounted on the top of said housing panel,

said switch mechanism including,
a flexible conductive strip having a first half-ball detent with an end mounted on a non-conductive support station,
a second conductive detent mounted on said housing panel and connected to an electrical wire,
the other end of said flexible conductive strip having contact on said second conductive detent to activate the lights,
wherein said first half-ball detent protrudes through said switch hole.

6. (New) An integrated greeting message and lighted jewelry box according to claim 5 includes a third small half-ball detent located corresponding to said first half-ball detent, such that when the top section is closed down, said third small half-ball detent will push said flexible conductive strip away from said second conductive detent, to thereby activate the lights.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 5-6 are allowed.
8. The following is the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: ✓
9. Claim 5 is allowed because in part recites an integrated greeting message and lighted jewelry box having "a switch mechanism mounted on the top of a housing panel includes a flexible conductive strip having a first half-ball detent with an end mounted on a non-conductive support station and a second conductive detent

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mounted on the housing panel and connected to an electrical wire" and "the other end of the flexible conductive strip having contact on the second conductive detent to activate the lights, wherein the first half-ball detent protrudes through a switch hole." which is not taught by the prior art of record.

10. Claim 6 is allowed because of its dependency upon the new independent claim 5.

11. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

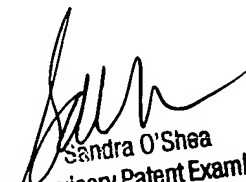
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gunyoung T. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-8588. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra L. O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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